

Trent University Recruitment of External Research Ethics Board Member

Trent University's Research Ethics Board (REB) welcomes interested individuals to apply for membership as a Community Representative. Applicants should meet the following requirements to be considered:

- No affiliation with Trent University
- Not involved in research as their means of employment
- Experience as a participant in research (desirable)

The Mandate of the Research Ethics Board at Trent University

The REB serves Trent's research community as an independent ethics review board. REB helps ensure that all proposed or ongoing research involving human participants or communities meets the highest ethical standards, and that safeguards are implemented to provide the greatest protection to human participants and/or communities.

Responsibilities of the REB Members

Members of the REB review the ethical acceptability of research projects, reflecting on, for example, potential risks and benefits, respect for and protection of research participants, and relevance and rigour of the research. Review is guided by three overarching principles: Respect for persons, wellbeing, and justice.

To ensure quorum and an optimal group dynamic, REB members are expected to:

- Be available and willing to commit time for board meetings (including preparation time);
- Participate actively in discussions with other REB members, providing input to research applications/protocols and input in drafting REB documents and policies;
- Be a team player - present views and opinions clearly and directly, contribute constructively to debate and possess skills that promote working effectively together;
- Listen attentively and respectfully to other members;
- Consider complex issues thoughtfully and objectively; and
- Be oriented to resolving conflict and supporting board decisions once made.

The REB meets monthly, from September to June. In the 2024/25 academic year, all REB meetings are scheduled by teleconference, and meetings last for up to 2 hours (3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am-12pm). Training regarding the ethics review process is provided on an ongoing basis, with the support of other REB members and the Office of Research and Innovation. ***A community representative could reasonably expect to review 1-2 research proposals per month.***

Contact

Individuals who would like to apply to become the community representative for Trent University's REB should send their curriculum vitae along with a cover letter outlining their interest and how they meet the criteria to:

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